

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

**Please amend the full paragraph on page 7, lines 1-4, as follows:**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Dahlia* plant named 'Mauritius' characterized by its red-purple ~~flower~~ray floret color, RHS 65A, yellow base 5C; leaf length up to 16 cm; leaf width 14 cm compact plant habit; and vigorous growth habit.